

Heterogeneous Reactions of $\text{HOCl} + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{ClONO}_2 + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{HN03}$ on Ice Surfaces at Polar Stratospheric Conditions

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Abstract

Heterogeneous reactions of $\text{HOCl} + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1) and $\text{ClONO}_2 + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{HN03}$ (2) on ice surfaces at a temperature of 188 K have been investigated in a flow reactor interfaced with a differentially pumped quadrupole mass spectrometer. Partial pressures for HOCl and ClONO_2 in the range of 6.5×10^{-8} Torr to 2.0×10^{-6} Torr, which mimic conditions in the polar stratosphere, have been used. Uptake of HCl on ice surfaces using partial pressures of HCl in the range of 1.8×10^{-7} Torr to 8.0×10^{-6} Torr has been measured prior to contact with HOCl or ClONO_2 . Pseudo-first-order decays of HOCl and ClONO_2 over HCl -coated ice surfaces have been observed in all experiments under the conditions of $P_{\text{HOCl}} < P_{\text{HCl}}$ and $P_{\text{ClONO}_2} < P_{\text{HCl}}$ used. Both the decay rates of HOCl and ClONO_2 and the growth rates of Cl_2 have been used to obtain reaction probabilities: $\gamma_g(1) = 0.34 \pm 0.20$ (1 σ) and $\gamma_g(2) = 0.27 \pm 0.19$ (1 σ) if we assume that the area of ice surfaces is equal to the geometric area of the flow-tube reactor. By considering the morphology of ice films, we obtain true reaction probabilities $\gamma_t(1) = 0.13 \pm 0.08$ and $\gamma_t(2) = 0.103 \pm 0.08$ using a previously published model of surface reaction and pore diffusion. In addition, the true reaction probability, $\gamma_t(3)$, for the $\text{ClONO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HOCl} + \text{HN03}$ (3) reaction has been measured to be greater than 0.03 on ice surfaces. Reaction mechanisms for these heterogeneous

reactions (1) - (3) are discussed, including a possible two-step mechanism for reaction (2) in terms of reaction (3) and reaction(1).

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1. Introduction

It is now well established that heterogeneous reactions on the surfaces of polar stratospheric clouds (PSCs) are of vital importance in converting inactive chlorine to active forms which subsequently deplete ozone through catalytic cycles, such as ClO-ClO and BrO-ClO mechanisms, in the polar stratosphere³. These heterogeneous reactions include



Recent model calculations^{4,5} have suggested that reaction (1) could be as important as reactions (2) and (3), particularly in the early Antarctic winter if ClONO₂ concentrations are lower than HOCl concentrations. Nevertheless, reaction (2) has been thought to comprise two elementary steps: the first step is reaction (3) followed by reaction (1)^{6,8}.

Reaction (1) on ice surfaces has been the subject of recent laboratory investigations. Abbatt and Molina⁷ used an electron-impact ionization mass spectrometer (EIMS) interfaced to a flow reactor. These experiments were carried out at ice-film temperatures in the range 195-202 K and HCl partial pressures in the range 10⁻⁶ -10⁻⁵ Torr. Both temperatures and HCl partial pressures are significantly greater than those in the polar stratosphere (i. e., T = 180-188 K for type II PSCs and P_{HCl} = 10⁻⁸ -10⁻⁷ Torr). They reported a reaction probability $\gamma_g(1) = 0.16$ at 202 K and 0.24 at 195 K, respectively. A small negative temperature dependence was suggested. Hanson and Ravishankara⁸ used a chemical ionization mass spectrometer (CIMS) for detection in a flow tube reactor and measured the first-order loss of HOCl on ice in the

presence of HCl partial pressures of 10^{-7} - 10^{-4} Torr. They reported $\gamma_g(1)$ for reaction (1) to be > 0.3 at 191 K. In these studies the surface area of the ice film was assumed to be equal to the geometric area of the flow reactor for the determination of $\gamma_g(1)$; the internal surface area was not considered.

There are several laboratory studies of reactions (2) and (3). Some early investigations⁹⁻¹¹ are believed to suffer from surface deactivation by HNO_3 because higher reactant concentrations of ClONO_2 were used. Nevertheless, these studies were instrumental in demonstrating that heterogeneous reactions on PSCS surfaces are of importance in chlorine activation. Recently Hanson and Ravishankara^{8,12} used CIMS with HCl partial pressures of 10^{-7} - 10^{-4} Torr. They reported a value of $\gamma_g = 0.3 (+0.7, -0.1)$ at 200 K for reactions (2) and (3) on a surface consisting of NAT and ice. Another study was reported by Abbatt and Molina⁶. They used an EIMS apparatus and HCl partial pressures of 10^{-6} - 10^{-5} Torr. They obtained $\gamma_g(2) > 0.2$ at 202 K for reaction (2) on a similar surface. Again, in these studies the geometric area was used to calculate the reaction probability.

In this work we report a new measurement of the reaction probability for reaction (1) at 188 K using partial pressures of reactants (10^{-8} - 10^{-6} Torr) similar to those in the polar atmosphere. Furthermore, we have reinvestigated reactions (2) and (3) using our new EIMS apparatus taking advantage of higher sensitivity detection. In the following sections we will briefly describe the experimental procedures used in the reaction probability determination and present our experimental results. We then discuss the effect of ice-film morphology on our results and compare them with previous measurements. Finally, a possible two-step mechanism for reaction (2) in terms of reaction (3) and reaction (1), and reaction mechanism for these heterogeneous reactions on ice surfaces are briefly discussed.

II. Experimental Section

The reaction probability measurement was performed in a flow reactor coupled to a differentially pumped quadrupole mass spectrometer. The details of the apparatus have been discussed in our previous publications^{13,14} and we will only briefly describe it in this article.

Flow Reactor. The flow reactor was constructed of borosilicate glass, and its dimensions are 1.76 cm inside diameter and 33.0 cm in length. The geometric area of the flow reactor is about 182.5 cm². The temperature of the reactor was regulated by a refrigerated methanol circulator (Haake, Model FK2) and measured by a pair of thermocouples located in the middle and at the downstream end. During the experiment the temperature was maintained at 188 K. The accuracy of this measurement is about ± 0.5 K. The pressure inside the reactor was monitored by a high-precision pressure meter (MKS Instruments, Model 390 HS, 10 Torr full scale), which was located about 2 cm from the flow reactor at the downstream end.

Preparation of Ice Films. The ice film was prepared as follows: Helium carrier gas was bubbled through a water reservoir which was kept in a constant-temperature circulator, normally at 293 K, and the helium gas saturated with the water vapor was admitted to the inlet of the sliding Pyrex injector. During the period of deposition the sliding injector was slowly pulled out at a constant speed and a uniform ice film was deposited on the inner surface of the reactor, which was held at a temperature of 188K. After the ice film was prepared, the injector was kept at the upstream end in order to prevent warming of the substrate. The amount of ice substrate deposited was calculated from the water vapor pressure, the mass flow rate of the helium-water mixture (which was measured by a Hastings mass flow meter), and the deposition time. Some of the substrates were transferred to a U-tube at 77 K and weighed on an analytical balance. The results from these two methods are in good agreement.

Average film thickness was calculated by using the measured geometric area and weight of the deposit with a value of 0.63 g/cm^3 for the bulk density of vapor-deposited water ice¹⁵; the results ranged from 3.7 to 34.1 pm.

In addition, morphology of ice films was investigated under similar experimental conditions using an environmental scanning electron microscope⁶. The results suggest that ice films comprise layers of micron-sized granules. This observation is in agreement with surface area measurements obtained by using BET analysis of gas-adsorption isothermal⁵⁻¹⁷. This information on the ice-film structure will be used to determine the true reaction probability in a later section.

HCl Mixtures and Uptake Measurements. HCl/He mixtures were prepared by mixing Matheson semiconductor-purity HCl (99.995 %) and Matheson-purity helium (99.9999 %) in a glass manifold which was previously evacuated to 10^{-6} Torr. Flow rates of the mixtures were monitored by using a Hastings mass flowmeter. At first the He-HCl mixture was admitted to the flow reactor through an inlet located at the downstream end; this bypassed the ice film and allowed the vacuum lines to be conditioned with HCl. At the start of a typical uptake measurement, the flow was redirected through another inlet at the upstream end of the ice film. At saturation, the HCl uptake capacity on the ice surface based on the geometric area of the flow reactor was found to be 8×10^{14} to 1.1×10^{16} molecules/cm² depending on the partial pressure of HCl used. These results are reasonably consistent with our earlier observations¹⁴.

HOCl Preparation and Calibration. The HOCl solution was prepared by mixing NaOCl with $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ^{7,19}. Some modifications in the synthesis of HOCl were necessary in order to achieve a stable yield. We dissolved 40 g of $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in 75 ml of distilled water. Then we added the MgSO_4 solution to 75 ml of 6% NaOCl solution drop by drop in the dark. The solution was slowly stirred during the reaction in

which a white precipitate of $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ was formed. After completing the synthesis, we separated the $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ precipitate from the solution by recantation. A slightly yellowish clear HOCl (OCl^-) solution was obtained. Since HOCl is in equilibrium with ClO^- and H^+ in solution, it is very important to control the pH of the prepared solution in order to ensure that the equilibrium is shifted toward HOCl side. The pH of the solution should be close to neutral. By adding a small amount of dilute H_2SO_4 to the HOCl solution, we were able to shift the equilibrium toward HOCl and increase the yield of the synthesis. The HOCl was further purified by vacuum distillation in order to decrease impurities such as, HCl, C12 and C120 which were checked by our mass spectrometer and were found to be smaller than 10 %.

Helium gas was bubbled through the HOCl solution which was maintained at 273 K. A small amount of water vapor (less than 1 % of the ice-film mass) from the HOCl solution was also admitted into the reactor. The water vapor was needed in order to prevent HOCl from decomposing into C120 by the reaction $2 \text{HOCl} \rightarrow \text{C120} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ during transport to the flow reactor. The concentration of gas-phase HOCl was calibrated by its production from ClONO_2 in reaction (3). For this we assume: (1) a stoichiometric ratio of unity for HOCl formed to ClONO_2 lost; and (2) no significant adsorption of HOCl on ice surface. In these experiments larger ice films were used in order to minimize deactivation by product HNO_3 .

ClONO_2 synthesis and calibration. ClONO_2 was synthesized by mixing a small amount of C120 in N_2O_5 at 195 K the mixture was allowed to warm to 248 K to produce ClONO_2 . This procedural^{1,13} was repeated several times in order to prepare a sufficient amount of ClONO_2 . The ClONO_2 thus prepared was further purified by vacuum distillation at 195 K and 178 K. The C12 impurity, which could interfere with our reaction probability measurements, was found to be small. Vapor pressures of ClONO_2 in the reservoir were measured by a high precision MKS pressure meter (MKS

Instruments, Model 390 HS, 1 Torr full scale).

Procedures for Reaction (1). The reaction probability of HOCl on an HCl-covered ice film was determined as follows. First, an ice film about 20 μm thick was prepared on the inner wall of the flow reactor. Second, the film surface was treated with HCl at pressures 9×10^{-7} to 8×10^{-6} Torr until its saturation uptake capacity was attained (see above). Then without turning off the HCl flow, HOCl at pressures between 1×10^{-7} to 2×10^{-6} Torr was admitted to the reactor. The loss rate of HOCl and the growth rate of Cl_2 were measured as a function of injector distance, z . The parent peaks of HOCl at $m/e = 52$ and of Cl_2 at $m/e = 70$ were used. Knowing the gas flow velocity, v , in the reactor, the reaction time was calculated by using $t = z/v$. The first-order rate constant, k_s , was calculated from the slope of a linear least-squares fit to the experimental data (see next section). The gas-phase diffusion correction for k_s was made by using a standard procedure²⁰ and the corrected rate, k_g , was determined. The diffusion coefficient of HOCl in helium was estimated to be $193 \text{ Torr cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 188 K²¹. Based on the geometric area of the flow-tube reactor the reaction probability, γ_g , was then calculated by using the following equation

$$\gamma_g = 2r_0k_g/(\bar{v} + r_0k_g) \quad (4)$$

where r_0 is the radius of the flow reactor (0.88 cm) and \bar{v} is the average molecular velocity for HOCl. In addition, correctional^{7,18} were made for the interaction of surface reaction and pore diffusion to obtain the true reaction probability, γ_t . (see the following section).

Procedures for Reaction (2). The reaction probability for reaction (2) was measured in a manner similar to that used for reaction (1). Helium was bubbled through the ClONO_2 reservoir which was maintained at 155 K or lower, depending on

the ClONO₂ concentrations required in the experiment. The low temperature bath was prepared by mixing ethanol and liquid nitrogen. The helium gas saturated with ClONO₂ was introduced into the flow reactor. The ClONO₂ loss rate at m/e = 46 and the Cl₂ growth rate at m/e = 70 were measured as a function of injector distance. The procedures used to obtain reaction probabilities are identical to those used for reaction (1). The diffusion coefficient of ClONO₂ in helium was estimated to be 158 Torr cm² s⁻¹ at 188 K^{13,21}. In addition, the reaction probability for reaction (3) was also measured on ice surfaces in the absence of an HCl coating.

III. Results

For an irreversible pseudo-first-order reaction under plug-flow conditions, the following equation holds for the reactant

$$\ln [St(z)] = -k_s(z/v) + \ln [St(0)] \quad (5)$$

where St is the signal, O is the reference injector position, v is the average flow velocity, and z is the injector position. The corresponding equation for the product signal, assuming rapid resorption and unit stoichiometry, is given by

$$\ln [St(z) - St(0)] = -k_s(z/v) + \ln [S_t(0) - S_t(\infty)] \quad (6)$$

where S_t(∞) is the signal when the reaction has reached completion. The left-hand sides of eqs (4) and (5) were plotted vs the reaction time, z/v, for reactant decay and product growth, respectively. Observed reaction rate constants, k_s, were obtained from linear-least-squares fits to these data.

HOCl + HCl → Cl₂ + H₂O. The reaction probability for this reaction was

measured by observing the decay of HOCl, monitored at $m/e = 52$ as a function of the injector position. In a separate run using the same ice film immediately after the HOCl decay measurement, the growth of Cl_2 at $m/e = 70$ was also monitored as a function of injector position. The thickness of the ice film was $19.4 \pm 0.4 \mu\text{m}$ and the temperature was $188 \pm 0.5 \text{ K}$. Typical data are shown in Figure 1. The results from these experiments using P_{HOCl} in the range 1.3×10^{-7} - 1.8×10^{-6} Torr and P_{HCl} in the range 9×10^{-7} - 8×10^{-6} Torr is summarized in Table I and also shown in Figure 2. Figure 2a shows the reaction probability, $\gamma_g(1)$, determined from the loss rate of HOCl and Figure 2b illustrates the reaction probability measured from the growth rate of Cl_2 . The measured reaction probabilities presented in Figure 2 have been corrected for external gas-phase diffusion²⁰. The average reaction probability is 0.30 ± 0.18 from the decay rate of HOCl and 0.38 ± 0.24 from the growth rate of Cl_2 . The overall average value of 41 experiments is $\gamma_g(1) = 0.34 \pm 0.20$. The uncertainty represents one standard deviation (1 σ). The results are approximately independent of P_{HOCl} and P_{HCl} . (see next section for detailed discussion) In addition, the Cl_2 yield based on HOCl reacted has been measured to be 0.80 ± 0.20 .

Several experiments were also carried out in the absence of an HCl-coating on ice surfaces. The first-order rate constant of the HOCl decay is much smaller than that reported in the previous paragraph. Furthermore, no reaction products were observed in these experiments.

$\text{ClONO}_2 + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{HNO}_3$. The reaction probability for reaction (2) was determined in the same manner as that for reaction (1). Typical data are shown in Figure 3. The decay of ClONO_2 was monitored by its major fragment peak $m/e = 46$ while the reaction product, Cl_2 , was measured by its parent peak $m/e = 70$. The concentration of HCl used in the investigation is always greater than that of ClONO_2 , thus a first-order rate constant can be calculated from the observed decay. We have

varied P_{ClONO_2} in the range 6.5×10^{-8} Torr - 9.7×10^{-7} Torr and P_{HCl} from 1.6×10^{-7} Torr to 2.3×10^{-6} Torr. The ice film thickness was about $10.4 \pm 1.3 \mu\text{m}$ and the temperature was 188 ± 0.5 K. These data are summarized in Table II and also shown in Figures 4a and 4b. Some of data indicate that $\gamma_g(2)$ may be greater at higher HCl partial pressures. However, the overall measured reaction probability $\gamma_g(2)$ seems to be nearly independent of P_{ClONO_2} and P_{HCl} after considering the uncertainty of the measurements. (see next section for detailed discussion) We obtain an average $\gamma_g = 0.26 \pm 0.19$ from the decay rate of ClONO_2 and $\gamma_g = 0.28 \pm 0.18$ from the growth rate of C12. The overall average reaction probability of 24 experiments is $\gamma_g(2) = 0.27 \pm 0.19$. The uncertainty represents one standard deviation (1σ). In addition, the C12 yield based on the ClONO_2 reacted has been measured to be 1.2 ± 0.2 .

$\text{ClONO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HOCl} + \text{HNO}_3$. We have also remeasured the reaction probability for the reaction of $\text{ClONO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HOCl} + \text{HNO}_3$ on ice surfaces. As noted in the Introduction Section, the ice is readily contaminated by the reaction product, HNO_3 , which forms a thin layer of hydrated nitric acid (possibly nitric acid trihydrate, NAT) on the surface. Therefore a very small reactant concentration of ClONO_2 about 1.4×10^{-7} Torr was used in these experiments. The results are summarized in Table III. In every experiment we first measure the ClONO_2 decay and then measure the growth of the HOCl signal. In general, the data obtained from the HOCl growth is equal to or smaller than that obtained from the ClONO_2 decay because of surface deactivation by product HNO_3 . If the geometric area of the flow-tube reactor is used to obtain the reaction probability, $\gamma_g(3)$ ranges from 0.03 on thinner ice films to 0.13 on thicker ice films.

IV. Discussion

Correction for the morphology of ice films.

A model taking surface reaction and pore diffusion into account has been described recently.^{17,18} Based on observations using environmental scanning electron microscopy,¹⁶ H₂O ice films can be described in terms of a model consisting of hexagonally close-packed (HCP) spherical granules stacked in layers. In this case the true reaction probability, γ_t , is related to the value, γ_g , by

$$\gamma_t = \gamma_g \pi^{-1/2} \{1 + \eta [2(N_L - 1) + (3/2)^{1/2}]\}^{-1} \quad (7)$$

where η is the effectiveness factor, and $N_L = 2 + 9 \log_{10} h(\mu\text{m})$ is the number of granule layers and h is the film thickness. Using this model, we obtain the following true reaction probabilities: $\gamma_t(1) = 0.13 \pm 0.08$ for reaction (1) and $\gamma_t(2) = 0.10 \pm 0.08$ for reaction (2).

The model includes corrections for external surface roughness and for internal porosity. Roughness is defined as the ratio of total external surface area to the area of the underlying substrate. For the layer model, the surface roughness has a value of about 2. The overall correction to γ_g for reactions (1) and (2) is about a factor of 2.6; thus, most of the correction is due to the surface roughness. This is consistent with the fact that at high $\gamma_t (> 0.1)$ gas-phase diffusion of HOCl and ClONO₂ into the porous film cannot compete with reaction at the external surface and most of the internal film surface does not participate in the reaction.¹⁷ For $\gamma_t > 0.1$, surface roughness still should be considered, even though the mean free path of the reacting gas is greater than the dimensions of the roughness.^{22,23} Under flow-reactor conditions, the velocity distribution directed at the surface is almost random; moreover, after the first collision for $\gamma_t < 1$, the gas molecules leave the surface with completely random velocities and can undergo secondary collisions with the surface. In effect, after the first collision the

reacting gas becomes partially trapped within the surface irregularities. Thus, even for long mean free paths almost the entire external surface can be sampled.

A similar treatment used to obtain true reaction probabilities for reactions (1') and (2) can be applied to the data (Table III) for reaction (3). An average value $\gamma_t(3) = 0.03$ was found. This value should be considered as a lower limit because of surface deactivation by product HN03 .

Comparison with previous measurements.

In Figure 5 we compare our data of $\gamma_g(1)$ with previous measurements of reaction (1) reported by Abbatt and Molina⁶ and Hanson and Ravishankara⁸. These data are not corrected for the internal surface area of ice films. Our measurement is in good agreement with these recent data. There is a possibility that a slight negative temperature dependence for reaction (1) may exist. However, within uncertainties of these measurements $\gamma_g(1)$ should be considered to be nearly independent of temperature.

Similarly, our present data on reaction (2), $\gamma_g(2)$, is compared with the previous measurements which are shown in Figure 6. Our present measurement is in excellent agreement with the recent data reported by Abbatt and Molina⁷, and Hanson and Ravishankara⁸. Again, $\gamma_g(2)$ should be considered to be nearly independent of temperature within uncertainties of these measurements.

For reaction (3), surface deactivation by product HN03 , which may form hydrates of nitric acid, reduces $\gamma_t(3)$. Therefore, this value should be considered as a lower limit. This measurement is consistent with the recent data, $\gamma_g(3) = 0.2-1.0$, reported by Hanson and Ravishankara^{8,12,24}.

Reaction Mechanism.

It has been suggested that reaction (2) may proceed through reaction (3) and then reaction (1)⁶⁻⁸. This is an intriguing question which needs to be resolved. From

our measurements reported in the previous section, $\gamma_g(3)$ could be smaller than $\gamma_g(1)$; and thus, it could serve as a rate limiting step. Furthermore, in our experiments $\gamma_g(2)$ is also greater than $\gamma_g(3)$. Therefore, although the two-step mechanism is possible, a direct reaction between ClONO_2 and HCl could be more important than the two-step mechanism, Abbatt and Molina⁷ also reached the same conclusion in their study of these reactions on a NAT surface.

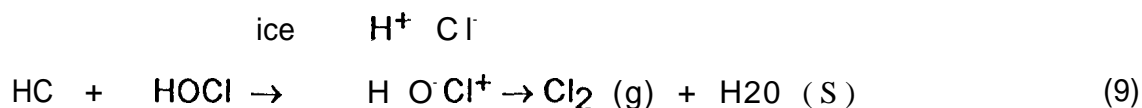
Adsorption isotherms have been used to discuss these heterogeneous reactions on ice surfaces.²⁵⁻²⁸ For reaction (1), since the adsorption equilibrium constant, b_{HOCl} , for HOCl is smaller than that for HCl , b_{HCl} , and $P_{\text{HOCl}} < P_{\text{HCl}}$, thus the $b_{\text{HOCl}}P_{\text{HOCl}}$ term can be neglected as compared with the $b_{\text{HCl}}P_{\text{HCl}}$ term. Also, HCl molecules on ice surfaces dissociate into H^+ and Cl^- .²⁹⁻³¹ Based on the Langmuir isotherm, an equation for the relationship between γ_g and P_{HCl} is given as follows

$$\gamma_g = \gamma_0 \theta_{\text{HCl}} = \frac{\gamma_0 (b_{\text{HCl}} P_{\text{HCl}})^{1/2}}{[1 + (b_{\text{HCl}} P_{\text{HCl}})^{1/2}]} \quad (8)$$

where γ_0 is the reaction probability on an ice surface at its saturation capacity for HCl . This equation predicts that γ_g increases linearly with $P_{\text{HCl}}^{1/2}$ at low HCl pressures and becomes nearly independent of $P_{\text{HCl}}^{1/2}$ at pressures where the surface is saturated with HCl . Our results in Figures 2(a) and 2(b) show that γ_g increases with P_{HCl} at low P_{HOCl} as predicted by eq (8). However, the results in Figures 2(c)-(f) at higher P_{HOCl} show that within experimental uncertainties γ_g is nearly independent of P_{HCl} , this suggests that during these experiments the ice surfaces are nearly saturated with HCl over the pressure range used in this study. It is worthwhile to note that the

experimental technique used in this work is not particularly sensitive to γ_g greater than 0.2. Also, the formation of hydrogen hexahydrate or melting takes place on ice surfaces at P_{HCl} greater than 1×10^{-5} Torr. In order to validate this mechanism, more accurate measurements for reaction (1), perhaps using a different experimental approach over wide range of reactant concentrations, are needed. Similarly, we reach the same conclusion for reaction (2). The results for this reaction are shown in Figures 4(a)-(d).

Molina²⁹ has suggested an ionic mechanism for these heterogeneous reactions on ice surfaces; for example, reaction (1) can be depicted as



In this mechanism a quasi-liquid layer could be formed after the solvation of HCl on ice surfaces even at stratospheric conditions: $T = 180\text{-}200$ K and $P_{\text{HCl}} = 10^{-7}$ Torr. The dissociation of HCl on ice surfaces has been suggested in our previous article¹³ and elsewhere²⁹⁻³¹. This suggestion is very intriguing because mobility of HCl in the liquid is much greater than that in solid ice by several orders of magnitude. Therefore, HCl molecules would be readily available for reaction with HOCl. However, there is a question about the dissociation of HOCl forming HO^\cdot and Cl^+ (or possibly H^+ and ClO^\cdot) in a quasi-liquid layer. In addition, the existence of this quasi-liquid layer under polar stratospheric conditions has been questioned.²⁷ Further investigation on single-crystal ice as proposed by Kroes and Clary²⁷ is certainly required.

Conclusion

In summary, the present investigation has been performed under experimental

conditions which mimic the polar environment, such as, temperature, ice substrate, and reactant concentrations. Therefore, the results are directly applicable to atmospheric modelling. The time constant in converting inactive chlorine to active forms on the basis of our reaction probability measurements and estimated surface area for Type II PSCS is about a few hours in the wintertime polar stratosphere.³²

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P_{HOCl} (Torr)	P_{HCl} (Torr)	Thickness (μm)	HOCl Decay			Cl ₂ Growth		
			k_s^a (1/s)	k_g^b (1/s)	γ_g^c	k_s^d (1/s)	k_g^e (1/s)	γ_g^f
1.1x10 ⁻⁷	4.02x10 ⁻⁷	17.2	1.18x10 ⁻⁷	5.85x10 ⁻⁷	0.25	1.18x10 ⁻⁷	2.82x10 ³	0.25
1.2x10 ⁻⁷	1.11x10 ⁻⁶	17.0	1.74x10 ⁻⁷	4.74x10 ⁻⁷	0.10	0.17x10 ⁻⁶	1.02x10 ³	0.10
1.4x10 ⁻⁷	4.47x10 ⁻⁷	17.4	1.26x10 ⁻⁷	3.48x10 ⁻⁷	0.20	1.20x10 ⁻⁷	4.99x10 ³	0.31
1.5x10 ⁻⁷	2.84x10 ⁻⁶	19.5	1.36x10 ⁻⁷	4.57x10 ⁻⁷	0.25	1.27x10 ⁻⁷	4.77x10 ³	0.40
1.5x10 ⁻⁷	1.62x10 ⁻⁶	19.2	1.42x10 ⁻⁷	4.97x10 ⁻⁷	0.27	0.98x10 ⁻⁷	2.24x10 ³	0.15
1.6x10 ⁻⁷	9.38x10 ⁻⁷	19.9	1.03x10 ⁻⁷	2.16x10 ⁻⁷	0.14	0.11x10 ⁻⁶	1.02x10 ³	0.13
2.1x10 ⁻⁷	1.11x10 ⁻⁶	17.0	1.07x10 ⁻⁷	2.31x10 ⁻⁷	0.14	1.22x10 ⁻⁷	2.05x10 ³	0.25
2.2x10 ⁻⁷	1.15x10 ⁻⁶	17.0	1.09x10 ⁻⁷	2.39x10 ⁻⁷	0.14	1.03x10 ⁻⁷	2.42x10 ³	0.16
2.6x10 ⁻⁷	4.04x10 ⁻⁷	17.2	1.52x10 ⁻⁷	4.14x10 ⁻⁷	0.23	1.57x10 ⁻⁷	2.24x10 ⁴	0.02
4.0x10 ⁻⁷	4.47x10 ⁻⁷	17.4	1.27x10 ⁻⁷	3.58x10 ⁻⁷	0.21	1.02x10 ⁻⁷	2.40x10 ³	0.14
2.8x10 ⁻⁷	1.62x10 ⁻⁶	19.2	1.21x10 ⁻⁷	3.08x10 ⁻⁷	0.18	0.27x10 ⁻⁷	1.02x10 ³	0.13
4.2x10 ⁻⁷	2.02x10 ⁻⁶	17.2	1.19x10 ⁻⁷	3.04x10 ⁻⁷	0.18	1.02x10 ⁻⁷	2.2x10 ⁴	0.10
3.2x10 ⁻⁷	2.27x10 ⁻⁶	19.4	1.19x10 ⁻⁷	3.01x10 ⁻⁷	0.18	1.15x10 ⁻⁷	3.30x10 ³	0.22
3.3x10 ⁻⁷	1.12x10 ⁻⁶	19.6	1.05x10 ⁻⁷	2.24x10 ⁻⁷	0.13	8.25x10 ⁻⁸	1.52x10 ³	0.11
3.3x10 ⁻⁷	9.31x10 ⁻⁷	19.9	1.22x10 ⁻⁷	3.16x10 ⁻⁷	0.18	1.16x10 ⁻⁷	2.20x10 ³	0.22
3.9x10 ⁻⁷	2.84x10 ⁻⁶	19.5	1.28x10 ⁻⁷	3.76x10 ⁻⁷	0.21	1.26x10 ⁻⁷	4.70x10 ³	0.20
4.0x10 ⁻⁷	1.05x10 ⁻⁶	17.2	1.04x10 ⁻⁷	2.20x10 ⁻⁷	0.13	1.71x10 ⁻⁷	2.2x10 ⁴	0.10
4.8x10 ⁻⁷	2.26x10 ⁻⁶	19.4	1.61x10 ⁻⁷	9.39x10 ⁻⁷	0.46	8.20x10 ⁻⁸	1.54x10 ³	0.11
5.0x10 ⁻⁷	1.14x10 ⁻⁶	19.6	1.45x10 ⁻⁷	5.33x10 ⁻⁷	0.29	1.15x10 ⁻⁷	2.26x10 ³	0.21
5.2x10 ⁻⁷	4.65x10 ⁻⁶	19.1	1.36x10 ⁻⁷	4.63x10 ⁻⁷	0.26	1.20x10 ⁻⁷	5.20x10 ³	0.22
5.3x10 ⁻⁷	2.42x10 ⁻⁶	19.9	1.44x10 ⁻⁷	5.41x10 ⁻⁷	0.29	1.20x10 ⁻⁷	4.90x10 ³	0.40
5.5x10 ⁻⁷	2.83x10 ⁻⁶	17.2	1.51x10 ⁻⁷	7.13x10 ⁻⁷	0.37	1.41x10 ⁻⁷	8.20x10 ³	0.47
5.8x10 ⁻⁷	4.23x10 ⁻⁶	19.9	1.75x10 ⁻⁷	1.86x10 ⁻⁷	0.74	9.17x10 ⁻⁸	1.94x10 ³	0.13

5.9 X10 ⁻⁷	2.27×10 ⁻⁶	19.4	1.04X10 ³	2.22X10 ³	0.13	1.43×10 ³	8.53×10 ³	0.48
6.3x10 ⁻⁷	1.62x10 ⁻⁴	19.2	1.57X10 ³	7.91×10 ³	0.40	1.36x10 ³	6.12x10 ³	0.37
7.0 X10 ⁻⁷	4.65x10 ⁻⁴	19.1	1.44X 103	5.70×10 ³	0.31	1.53X1(Y	1.63x10 ⁴	0.75
7.1 X10 ⁻⁷	1.13X10 ⁻⁴	19.6	1.70×10 ³	1.27x10 ⁴	0.58	1.20×10 ³	3.70X10 ³	0.24
7.1X10 ⁻⁷	1.69×10 ⁻⁶	19.8	1.40X 10 ³	4.95X 103	0.27	1.49X 103	1.04×10 ⁴	0.55
8.1x10 ⁻⁷	2.10X10 ⁻⁴	19.9	1.63x10 ³	1.02X10 ⁴	0.49	1.31X10 ³	5.24×10 ³	0.32
8.8X10 ⁻⁷	9.24x10 ⁻⁷	19.9	1.30×10 ³	3.87x10 ³	0.22	1.37×10 ³	6.52×10 ³	0.39
9.9 X10 ⁻⁷	1.65×10 ⁻⁶	19.2	1.39X 103	4.74X 103	0.26	1.38x 103	6.62x 103	0.39
1.0×10 ⁻⁶	4.65x10 ^{-x}	19.1	9.95X10 ⁻²	2.05x10 ³	0.12	1.31X10 ⁻³	5.62x10 ³	0.34
1.1X10 ⁻⁴	4.65×10 ⁻⁶	19.1	1.40X 103	5.13X10 ³	0.28			
1.3×10 ⁻⁶	1.35×10 ⁻⁶	20.1	1.50X10 ³	2.86x 104	0.95	9.53X10 ⁻²	2.07×10 ³	0.14
1.3×10 ⁻⁶	1.38x 10X	18.5	1.50X10 ³	6.50x 103	0.34	1.33X10 ⁻³	5.67×10 ³	0.35
1.3X10 ⁻⁴	3.46x 10A	19.9	1.44X10 ³	5.45×10 ³	0.30	9.41X 102	2.02X 103	0.14
1.7×10 ⁻⁶	2.10×10 ⁻⁶	18.4	1.31×10 ³	4.09X 103	0.23	1.37X10 ⁻³	7.00X 103	0.41
1.7X10 ⁻⁴	4.31×10 ⁻⁶	19.2	1.33×10 ³	4.19X 103	0.24	1.49X10 ⁻³	1.13X10 ⁴	0.5s
1.8×10 ⁻⁶	1.43X10 ⁻⁴	19.4	1.57X10 ³	8.61X10 ³	0.43	1.34×10 ³	6.05x10 ³	0.36
1.8×10 ⁻⁶	7.97X10 ⁻⁴	18.1	1.75X10 ³	2.11X10 ⁴	0.80	1.52x10 ⁻³	1.42x10 ⁴	0.69
2.0×10 ⁻⁶	1.76×10 ⁻⁶	18.7	1.34×10 ³	4.41×10 ³	0.25			

Notes:

a Obtained from eq 5.

b After correction for gas-phase axial and radial diffusion, see Ref 20.

c Obtained from eq 4 which is based on the geometric area of the flow reactor.

d Obtained from eq 6.

Table II. Reaction probability for the reaction of $\text{ClONO}_2 + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{HN03}$ on NAT/ice surfaces.

P_{ClONO_2} (Torr)	P_{HCl} (Torr)	Thickness (μm)	ClONO2 Decay			Cl ₂ Growth		
			k_s^a (1/s)	k_g^b (1/s)	γ_g^c	k_s^d (1/s)	k_g^b (1/s)	γ_g^c
6.5×10^{-8}	9.95×10^{-7}	9.8	1.48×10^3	1.45×10^4	0.77	1.40×10^3	7.57×10^3	0.44
6.5×10^{-4}	7.54×10^{-7}	9.5	6.84×10^2	1.13×10^3	0.094	1.16×10^3	3.43×10^3	0.22
6.6×10^{-8}	6.67×10^{-7}	9.9	1.51×10^3	1.57×10^4	0.81	1.35×10^3	5.88×10^3	0.36
6.7×10^{-8}	4.36×10^{-7}	10.0	1.10×10^3	3.09×10^3	0.24	8.15×10^2	1.52×10^3	0.11
6.7×10^{-8}	3.29×10^{-7}	10.6	9.29×10^2	2.01×10^3	0.16	1.44×10^3	8.62×10^3	0.48
6.9×10^{-8}	2.82×10^{-7}	9.9	9.51×10^2	2.13×10^3	0.17	9.04×10^2	1.85×10^3	0.13
1.3×10^{-7}	8.12×10^{-7}	12.3	1.03×10^3	2.66×10^3	0.21	1.37×10^3	5.90×10^3	0.36
1.4×10^{-7}	1.24×10^{-4}	10.1	1.40×10^3	9.61×10^3	0.59	1.54×10^3	1.96×10^4	0.84
1.4×10^{-7}	1.64×10^{-7}	9.6	7.47×10^2	1.33×10^3	0.11			
1.4×10^{-7}	2.68×10^{-7}	9.5	8.23×10^2	1.61×10^3	0.13	7.79×10^2	1.42×10^3	0.10
1.4×10^{-7}	5.05×10^{-7}	12.5	8.41×10^2	1.64×10^3	0.13			
1.5×10^{-7}	1.78×10^{-7}	9.8	8.26×10^2	1.62×10^3	0.13			
1.5×10^{-7}	1.78×10^{-7}	11.4	9.13×10^2	1.95×10^3	0.16			
1.5×10^{-7}	3.44×10^{-7}	12.4	7.36×10^2	1.29×10^3	0.11			
1.5×10^{-7}	3.73×10^{-7}	9.7	8.75×10^2	1.84×10^3	0.15	7.57×10^2	1.36×10^3	0.096
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3.1×10^{-7}	1.02×10^{-4}	9.2	1.06×10^3	3.00×10^3	0.23	1.34×10^3	7.16×10^3	0.42
3.2×10^{-7}	6.47×10^{-7}	9.4	1.23×10^3	4.76×10^3	0.34	1.19×10^3	3.90×10^3	0.25
3.2×10^{-7}	1.34×10^{-4}	9.3	9.44×10^2	2.21×10^3	0.18	9.54×10^2	2.19×10^3	0.15
3.2×10^{-7}	8.36×10^{-7}	9.5	8.07×10^2	1.57×10^3	0.13	1.24×10^3	4.68×10^3	0.29
9.6×10^{-7}	9.06×10^{-7}	9.7	1.18×10^3	4.04×10^3	0.30	8.98×10^2	1.86×10^3	0.13

9.6×10^{-7}	1.23×10^{-6}	9.4	1.11×10^3	3.29×10^3	0.25	9.10×10^2	1.92×10^3	0.13
9.7×10^{-7}	1.84×10^{-6}	9.9	1.11×10^3	3.48×10^3	0.26	1.23×10^3	4.65×10^3	0.29
9.7×10^{-7}	2.33×10^{-6}	9.3	9.09×10^2	2.04×10^3	0.16	9.09×10^2	4.86×10^3	0.30

Notes:

^a Obtained from eq 5.

^b After correction for gas-phase axial and radial diffusion, see Ref 20.

^c Obtained from eq 4 which is based on the geometric area of the flow reactor.

^d Obtained from eq 6.

Table III. Reaction Probability of $\text{ClONO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HOCl} + \text{HNO}_3$ on NAT/Ice surfaces.

P_{ClONO_2} (Torr)	Thickness (μm)	ClONO ₂ Decay			HOCl Growth		
		k_s^a (1/s)	k_g^b (1/s)	γ_g^c	k_s^d (1/s)	k_g^b (1/s)	γ_g^c
1.45×10^{-7}	3.7	4.33×10^2	5.74×10^2	0.05	3.64×10^2	4.48×10^2	0.03
1.44×10^{-7}	4.2	6.78×10^2	1.10×10^3	0.09	6.14×10^2	8.91×10^2	0.06
1.46×10^{-7}	8.6	7.75×10^2	1.39×10^3	0.13	5.28×10^2	7.25×10^2	0.05
1.21×10^{-7}	9.0	5.43×10^2	7.82×10^2	0.07	7.80×10^2	1.34×10^3	0.08
1.43×10^{-7}	9.2	6.50×10^2	1.03×10^3	0.09	8.74×10^2	1.56×10^3	0.10
1.45×10^{-7}	10.6	7.03×10^2	1.18×10^3	0.10	7.54×10^2	1.22×10^3	0.08
1.42×10^{-7}	18.9	7.35×10^2	1.26×10^3	0.10	8.83×10^2	1.58×10^3	0.10
1.21×10^{-7}	24.8	8.49×10^2	1.64×10^3	0.13	9.16×10^2	1.69×10^3	0.10
1.42×10^{-7}	25.7	8.11×10^2	1.50×10^3	0.12			
1.42×10^{-7}	34.1	6.93×10^2	1.14×10^3	0.10			

Notes:

a Obtained from eq 5.

b After correction for gas-phase axial and radial diffusion, see Ref 20.

c Obtained from eq 4 which is based on the geometric area of the flow reactor.

d Obtained from eq 6.

Figure Captions

Figure 1. The HOCl decay and the Cl₂ growth in the reaction of HOCl + HCl → Cl₂ + H₂O on ice surface, The experimental conditions are: P_{total} = 0.398 Torr, v = 1720 cm/s, P_{HOCl} = 8.1 x 10⁻⁷ Torr, P_{HCl} = 2.1 x 10⁻⁶ Torr, h = 19.9 μm, and T = 188 K.

Figure 2. Summary of the data for the reaction of HOCl + HCl → Cl₂ + H₂O on ice surfaces. The data shown in this figure is the average value of the data obtained both from the HOCl decay rates and from the Cl₂ growth rates. Partial HOCl pressures are: (a) 1.3 x 10⁻⁷ Torr, (b) 2.9 x 10⁻⁷ Torr, (c) 5.6x 10⁻⁷ Torr, (d) 7.3x 10⁻⁷ Torr, (e) 1.2x 10⁻⁶ Torr, and (f) 1.8 x 10⁻⁶ Torr. See Table I for detailed experimental conditions.

Figure 3. The ClONO₂ decay and the Cl₂ growth in the reaction of ClONO₂ + HCl → Cl₂ + HN03 on a surface consisting ice and NAT, The experimental conditions are: P_{total} = 0.400 Torr, v = 1730 cm/s, P_{ClONO2} = 1.4 x 10⁻⁷ Torr, P_{HCl} = 5.1 x 10⁻⁷ Torr, h = 12.5 μm, and T = 188 K.

Figure 4. Summary of the data for the reaction of ClONO₂ + HCl → Cl₂ + HN03 on NAT/ice surfaces. The data shown in this figure is the average value of the data obtained both from the ClONO₂ decay rates and from the Cl₂ growth rates, Partial ClONO₂ pressures are: (a) 6.6x 10⁻⁸ Torr, (b) 1.4x 10⁻⁷ Torr, (c) 3.1 x 10⁻⁷ Torr, and (d) 9.7 x 10⁻⁷ Torr. See Table II for detailed experimental conditions.

Figure 5. Comparison of the present reaction probability data with previous measurements for the reaction of HOCl + HCl → Cl₂ + H₂O on ice surfaces. □ this work; A Hanson and Ravishankara⁸ ; O Abbatt and Molina⁶. See text for details.

Figure 6. Comparison of the present reaction probability data with previous

measurements for the reaction of $\text{ClONO}_2 + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{HN03}$ on NAT/ice surfaces.
□ this work; A Hanson and Ravishankara^{8,12}; O Abbatt and Molina⁷. See text for details.

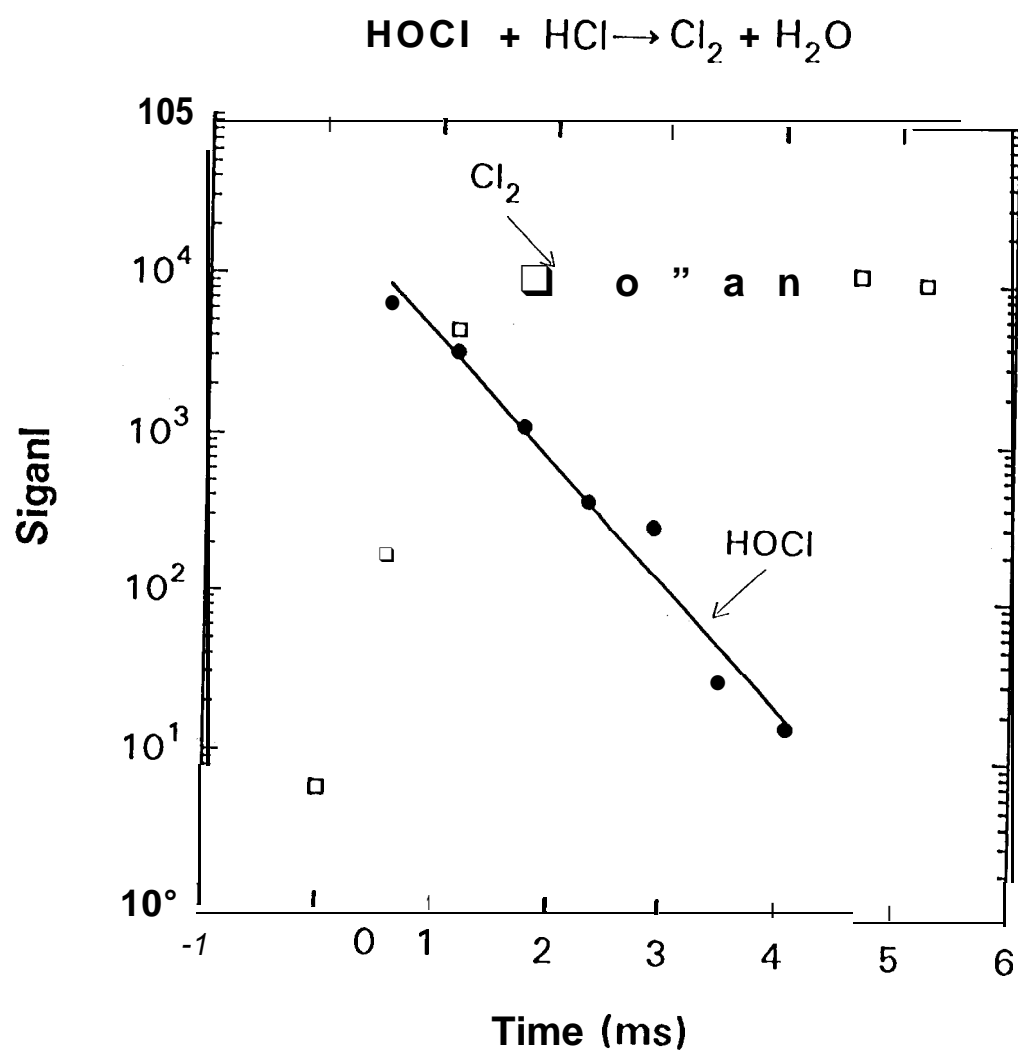
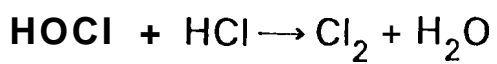
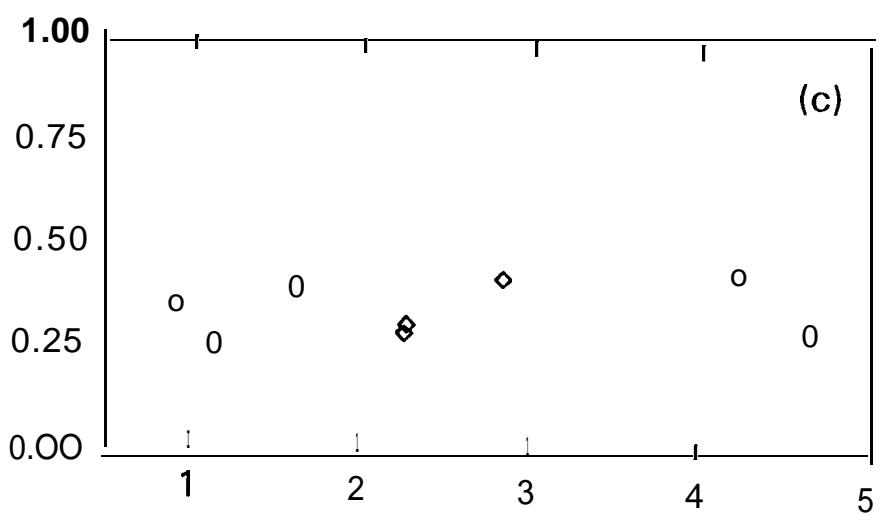
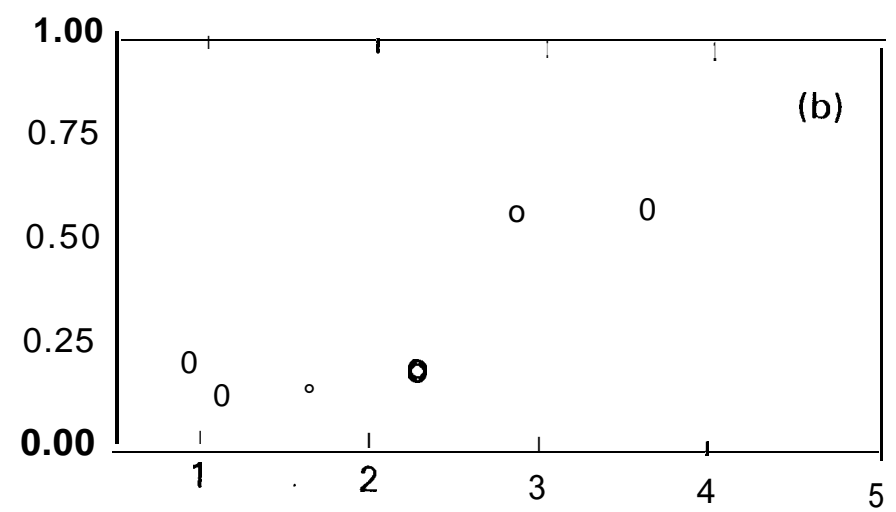
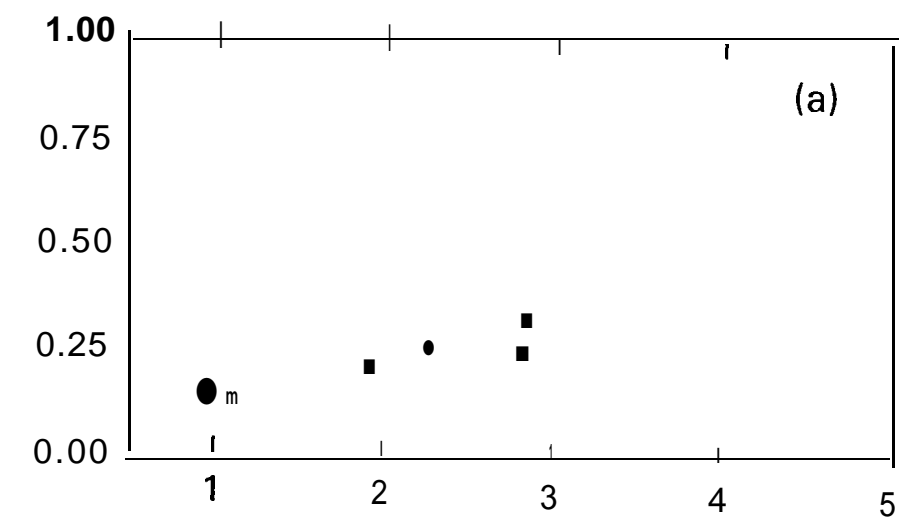


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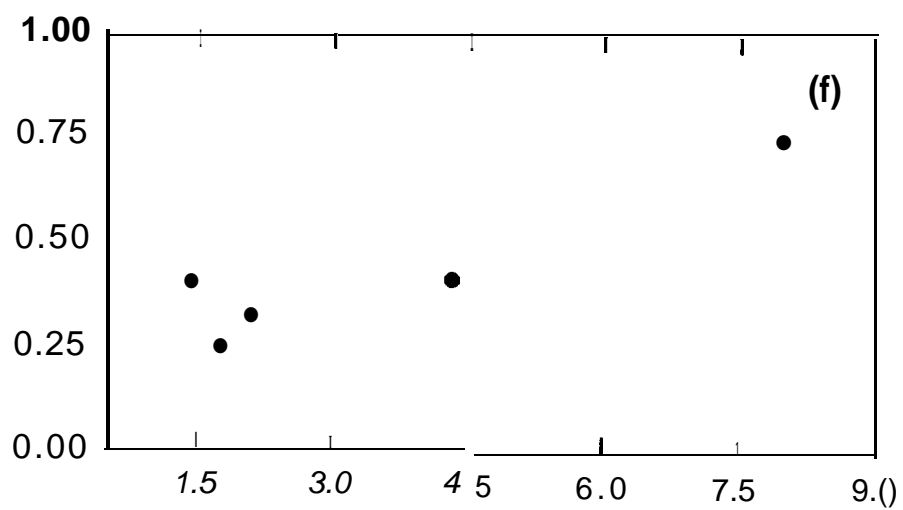
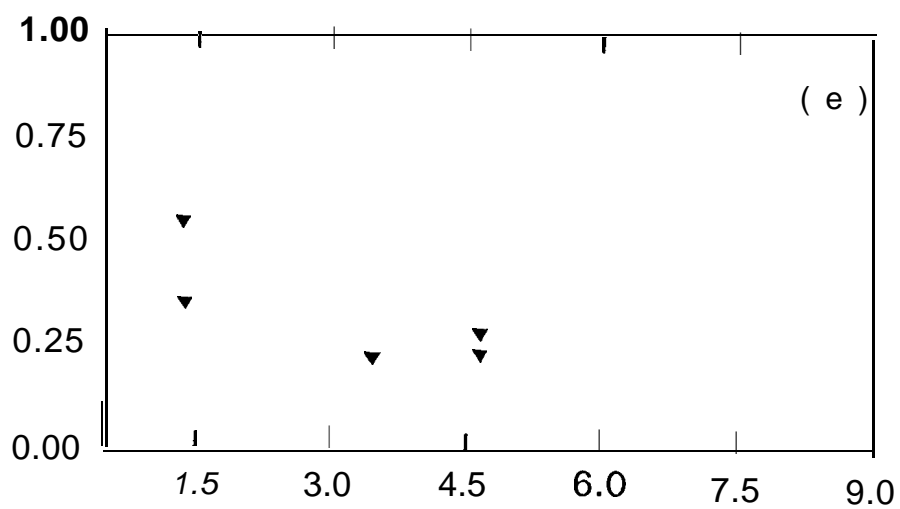
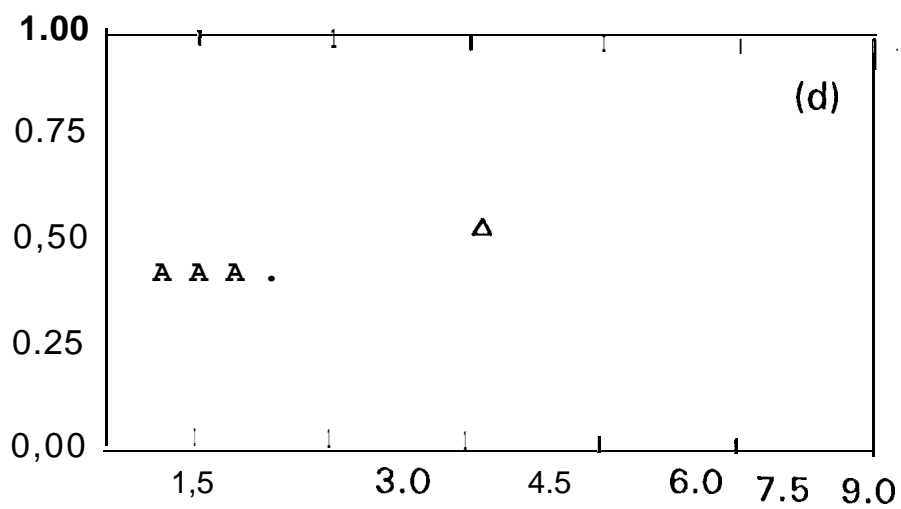


Reaction Probability



$P_{\text{HCl}} (10^{-6} \text{ Torr})$

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Figures 2 (d) - (f)

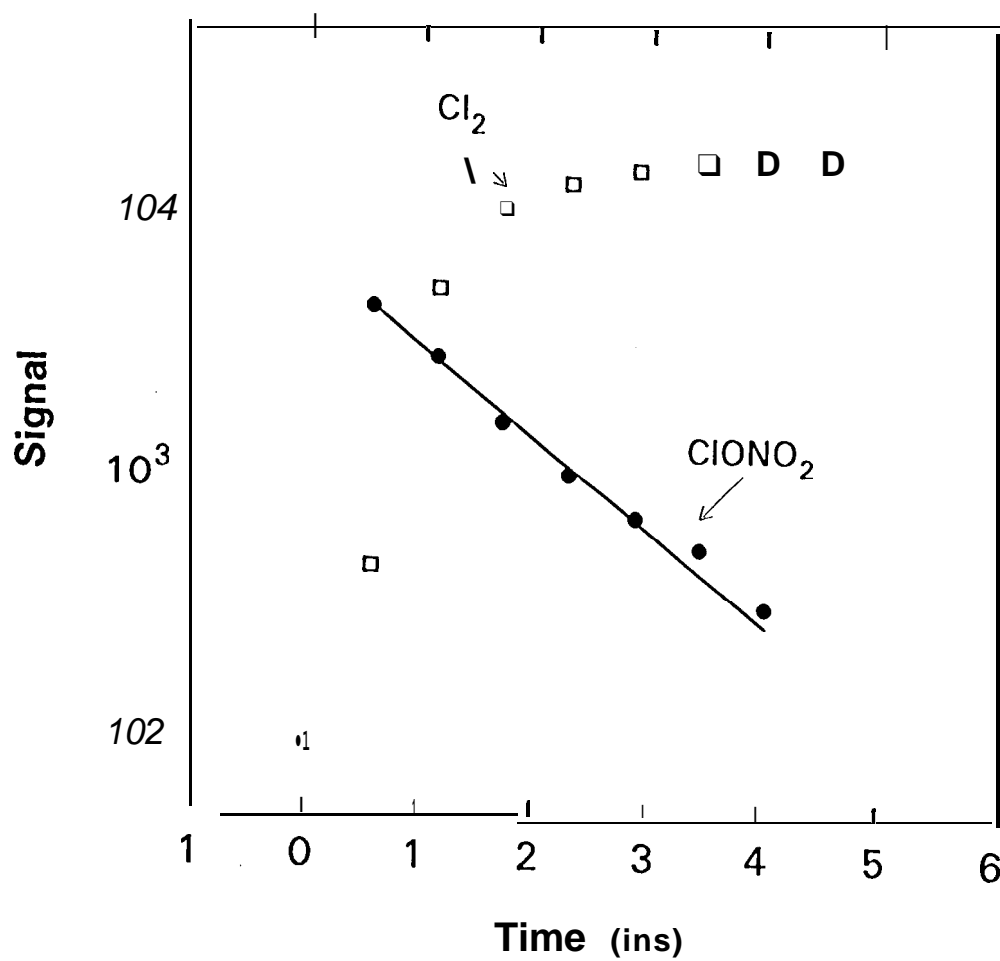
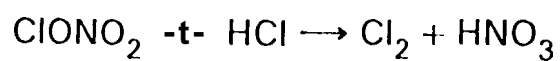


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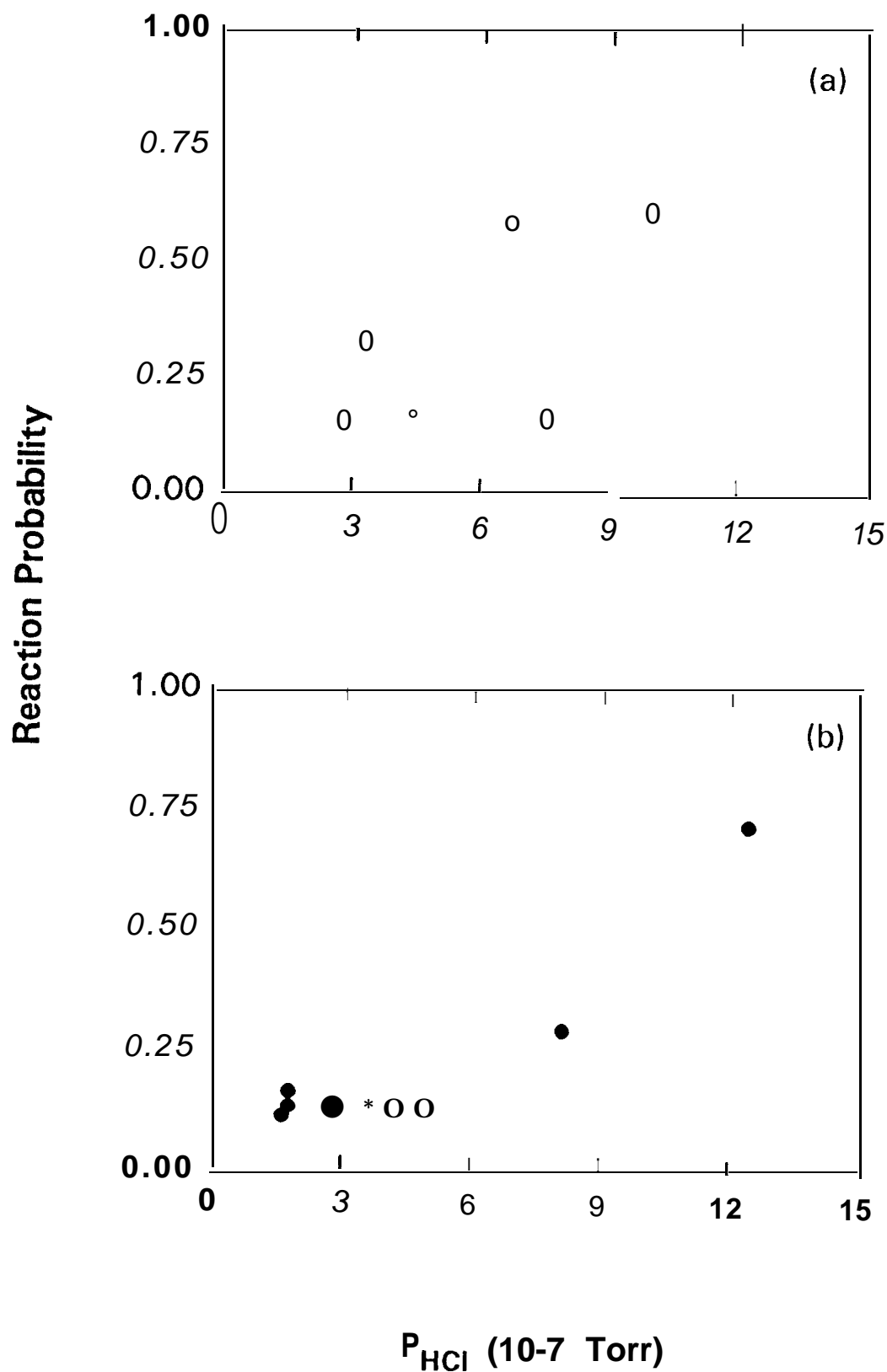
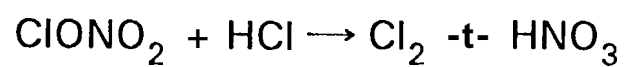
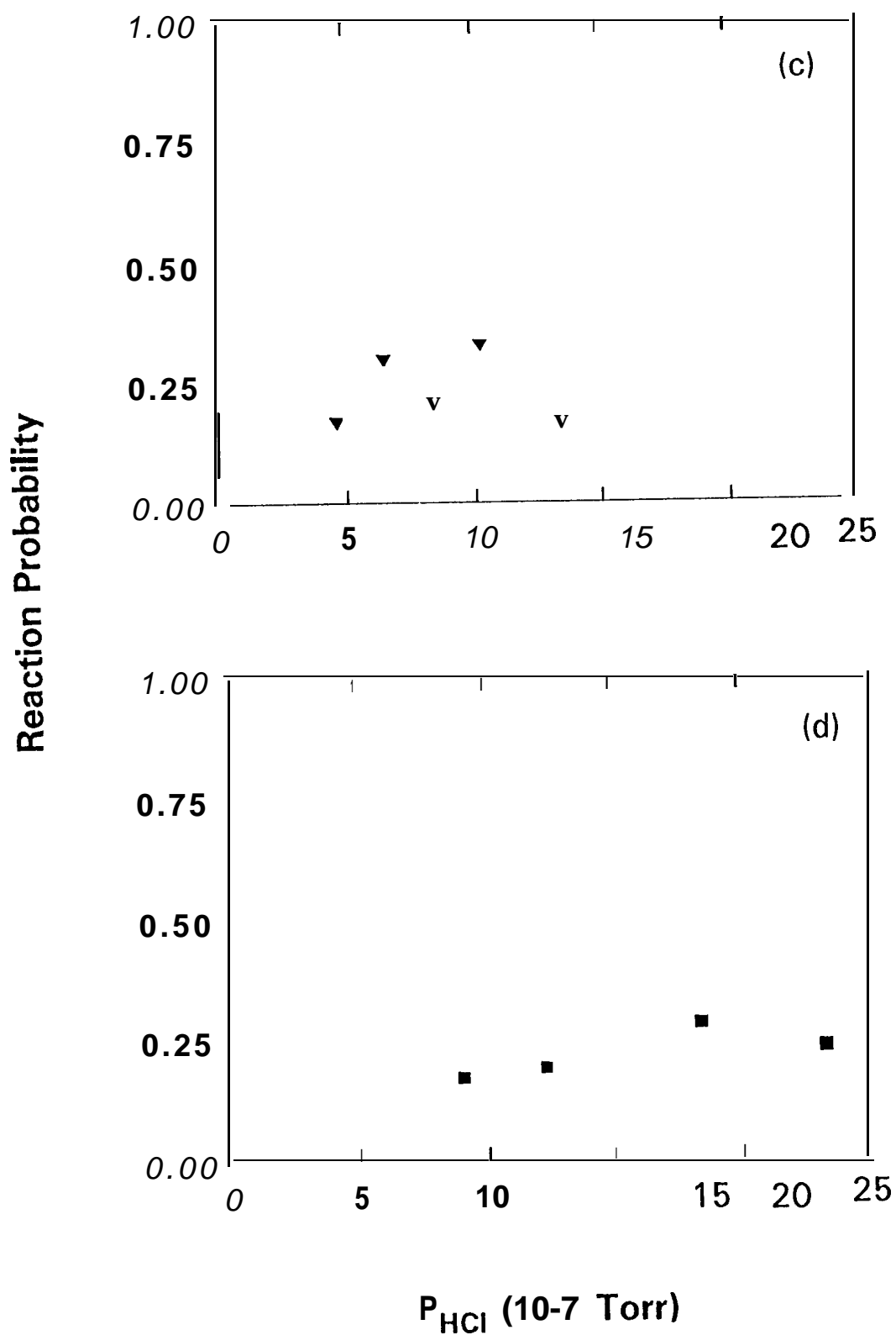
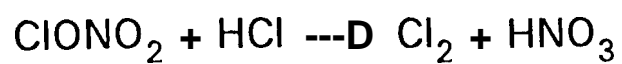


Figure 4 (a), (b)



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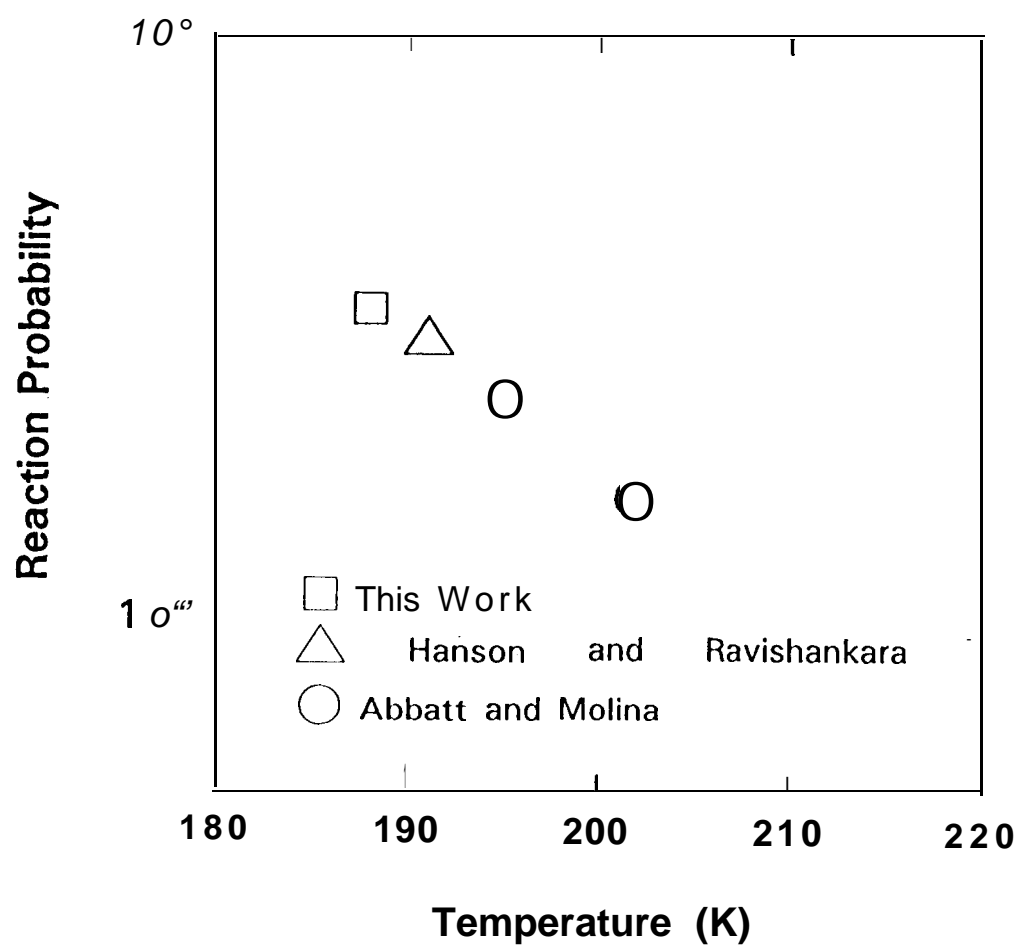
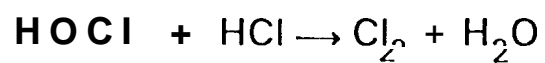


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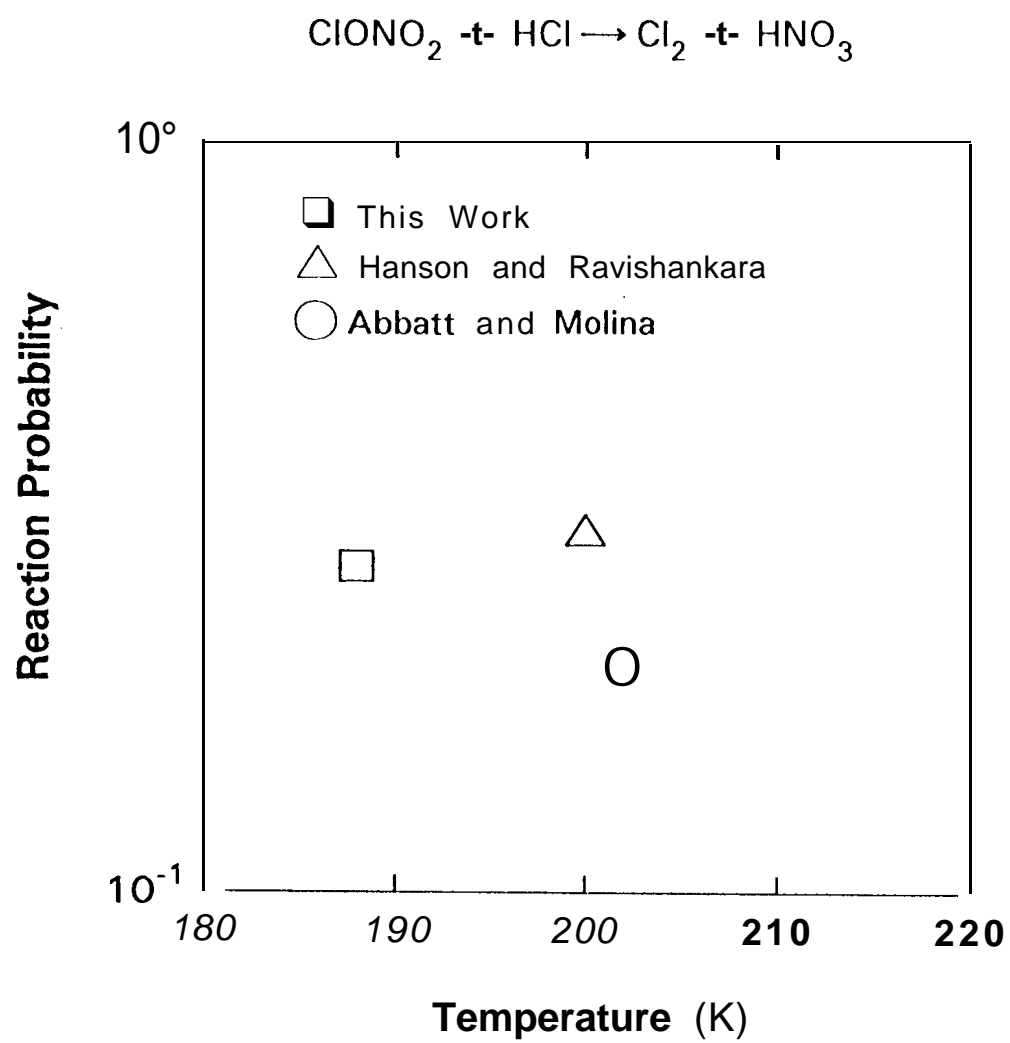


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